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RUBBER PROCUREMENT
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are aware that the price of rubber including natural rubber, coffee, cardamom and coconut etc. are falling day by day;

(b) whether the rubber farmers are facing serious crisis due to falling price of rubber;

(c) the total quantum of these items available in the market, separately;

(d) whether the Government have taken any steps to procure said items from the market; and

(e) if so, the name of agencies authorised and quantum of these items collected so far?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI E.V.K.S. ELANGOVAN)

(a): While there has been a decline in the prices of cardamom, the domestic prices of natural rubber and coconut have been higher than the previous year. The domestic prices of coffee have also improved in the current year.

(b): No, sir.

(c): The estimated domestic production of natural rubber, coffee, cardamom and coconut during 2004-05 is given below:

Year	Natural Rubber	Coffee	Cardamom	Coconut
2004-05	7,62,000 MT	2,92,400 MT	11,385 MT	13,037 Million Nuts

(all the figures are provisional)

As these commodities are privately marketed, the exact quantity of these items in the market is not available.

(d): No, sir.

(e): Does not arise.